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1. AT 1000 THIS MORNING SEPTEMBER 21, PRESIDENT DACKO AND FRENCH MILITARY APPARENTLY HAVE SITUATION WELL IN HAND. PRIMIN MAIDOU, MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR, AND SENIOR MILITARY STAFF ARE WITH DACKO AT DOWNTOWN PALACE. FRENCH MILITARY, PROBABLY ONE BATTALION, ARE IN CONTROL OF AIRPORT AND KEY DOWNTOWN LOCATIONS, AND FRENCH EMBASSY REPORTS FURTHER TROOPS ARE ON THE WAY. FRENCH REPORT NO RPT NO CASUALTIES.

2. CHEERFUL BUT DETERMINED CROWDS ARE RANSACKING DOWNTOWN STORES, BUT MOOD IS EXUBERANCE RATHER THAN ANGER, AND NO VIOLENCE BEING OFFERED EXPATRIATES. FRENCH AND LOCAL MILITARY ARE PRESENT AND BEGINNING TO CONTROL LOOTING. CURFEW HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FROM 6:00 PM TO 6:00 AM.

3. EMBASSY IS TAKING CENSUS AMERICAN COMMUNITY BUT BELIEVE
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